MINUTES.

The Ministers and Delegates composing the 18th session of the Rock Mills Association met with the church at Pleasant Grove, Randolph county, Ala., on Saturday, 5th day of Oct. 1888, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. E. Brewer, text St. John, 14:2; conclusion by Elder Wm. McCarter. After recess of an hour the Body was first called to order by former moderator, Rev. W. McCarter, for temporary organization. Prayer was offered by Elder T. G. Layton.

2nd. Appointed W. T. Bradley and W. W. Weathers, with the delegates from this church, as Preaching committee.

3d. The letters from the churches were read by Elder G. E. Brewer and M. S. Stevens. Enrolled delegate's names:

Fellowship—B. F. Bradshaw, G. W. Allen, and W. J. Ussery.
Union Grove—J. B. Adams, J. V. Ray and P. M. Gross.
Paron—J. J. Moore and H. J. Pritchett.
Macedonia—G. W. Watson, T. J. Embrey and E. G. Williams.
Union Hill—P. P. Bailey and Thomas Kilgore.
Pleasant Grove—A. J. Brown and J. R. Brown.
Rocky Branch—Henry Boon, W. T. Bradley and G. A. Gross.
Rock Mills—C. D. Andrews, C. B. Baker, J. A. Bonner, and R Breed.
Pleasant Hill—J. P. Braden and R. L. Brumbeloe.
High Shoals—W. W. Weathers and M. F. Ussery.
Big Springs—Not represented.
Rock Springs—W. T. Adams and Isaac Whatley.
Canaan—F. M. Spears.

3d. Call for correspodents from other Associations. Received from East Liberty—Brethren Graves Shaffer, H. B. Disharoon, and G. W Hill.

Central Western—Elder T. G. Layton.

Harris— Elder G. E. Brewer.

4th. Appointed Elder Wm. Brown to preach at the Stand at 3 o'clock p. m., followed by Elder Samuel Gibbs. Preaching at night by Elder R. C. A. Ashcraft; conclusion by Elder H. R. Moore.

5th. Appointed Elder H. R. Moore to preach next introductory sermon.

6th. Appointed Bro. G. F. Weaver to preach the missionary sermon.

8th. Appointed Elder *M.* S. Stevens to lecture on Sabbath Schools.

9th. Appointed places for general meetings. First District, to meet with the church at Fellowship, Friday before the first Sabbath in August next.

Second District to meet with the church at Big Springs, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in Aug. next.

6th. The next session of this Body will be held with the church at High Shoals, beginning Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October 1889.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock interesting lecturers were made by Elders G. E. Brewer and Wm. McCarter on Sabbath schools. At 11 o'clock a missionary sermon was preached by Elder G. E. Brewer at the House, text, Mathew 6:10: "Thy Kingdom Come." At the Stand by Elder R. C. A. Ashcraft, text not located; after which collections were taken to the amount of $12.70. Preaching at the House at 3 p. m. by T. G Layton; conclusion by Elder H. R Moore. Preaching at night by Elder Wm. Brown; conclusion by Elder H. R. Moore

MONDAY'S SESSION.

After prayer by Elder H. R. Moore, the Body proceeds to business.

10th. The query sent up by Rocky Branch last year and tableed, was taken up viz: "Can we be consistent, and receive members by letter from any other denomination?" The Body answered no.

The call for correspondents was renewed, and received from the East Liberty, Elder C. J. Burden and Bro. F. M. Handley; From the Cary

Elder Wm. Brown. Appointed on Finance, Brethren G. A. Gross and J. B. Adams.

11th. Called for reports of Standing Committees. The report on Deceased Ministers was adopted, after which the Body joined with Bro. Brewer in thanks to God for the preservation of the lives of all the ministers in this Association for the period of another year. The reports on Missions, Publications, Sabbath Schools Finance and Temperance were read and adopted. After these reports were made, the floor was occupied and the attention of the Body was arrested by strong and convincing speeches made in the interest of the same by Elders Wm. Brown, T. G. Layton, Wm. McCarter. C. J. Burden and G. E. Brewer.

12th. Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations: To East Liberty, Brethren F. M. Spears, G. F. Weaver, E. D. Andrews and Elder Wm. McCarter; To the Central Western, Elder H. R. Moore; To the Arbacoochee, Brethren F. M. Spears, G. F. Weaver and Elder H. R. Moore.

13th. Called for Miscellaneous business. A motion was carried to send ten dollars to foreign missions and the rest to home missions, and the undirected money to foreign missions. Elder H. R. Moore was elected to attend the convention at Memphis. A motion was carried for the Executive Committee to confer with Bro. Crumpton, to let any of the pastors of the Rock Mills Association whom they may recommend, have literature. The time for this Body to convene was changed to Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in October. Brethren C. Andrews and M. F. Ussery were continued as Executive Committee of this Body.

14th. A motion was carried to furnish the Clerk seventeen dollars to pay for printing the minutes and to remunerate him for his services.

15th. Called the roll and marked absentees. Those who were absent at roll call will be designated by an X.

16th. Read and adopted Minutes.

17th. Took the parting hand and adjourned to time and place.

Wm. McCarter,
Moderator.

G. F. Weaver,
Clerk.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

4th. Elected officers. Elder William McCarter, Moderator, and G. F. Weaver, Clerk.

Permanently organized.

1st. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

2nd. Called for petitionary letters.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that we rejoice in the thought, that the Temperance cause is gaining grounds in our bounds, and that many who have been addicted to intoxication have become advocates for the great reformation to take place. We therefore recommend that the Gospel on this subject be strictly adhered to, until the monster be put to death, and buried to be resurrected no more. M. F. Ussery, Chairman.

On Publications: In as much as it is a fact that men's lives are largely shaped by the kind of books they read, we would advise our brethren to furnish themselves and their children with good religious literature to read, and recommend to your support the Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia; and that you read the Alabama Baptist, of Montgomery, Ala., and the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va. C. J. Burden, Chairman.

On Sabbath Schools: We the Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that there is very little interest taken in Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Association. We have only two now in existence, and four others have been kept up through the summer. We hope that the churches will take more interest in the future in this good work. W. T. Bradley, Chairman.

On Finance: Minute Fund, $12.20; Home Missions, 55 cts.; Ministerial Education, $2.30; Foreign Missions, $14.30; Sabbath Collection, $12.70; Sent for the Clerk, 75 cts.: Total, $42.80.

G. A. Gross, Chairman.

On Deceased Ministers: Your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report that God in his goodness has seen fit to spare the lives of all the ministers in this Association during another year.

H. R. Moore, Chairman.

On Missions: We your Committee on Missions beg leave to say that we are alive to Missions, at least some of us, while some of our churches are dead to the cause of Missions.

H. R. Moore and Wm. Weathers, Committee.

In connection with this report we take pleasure in stating that some of the churches have pledged themselves for the following amounts of misssion money next year, to-wit: Macedonia, $5.00; Fellowship, $25.00; Union Grove $5.00; Rock Mills $20.00; Rocky Branch $5.00; High Shoals $20.00; Total: $80.00.

RECEIPTS.

Received from M. F. Ussery on acc't of churches of Rock Mills Association receipts for 1887, $72.75. and for the year 1888 $27.00

W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sect. and Tres.

Received from Geo. E. Brewer, on ac'ct of Rock Mills Association, $22.20 for the year 1888.

H. A. Tupper, cor. Sect. Foreign Mission Board.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we the ministers and messengers of the eighteenth session of the Rock Mills Association hereby tender our thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the members of this church and all the citizens who have so kindly cared for us while in their midst.

G. F. Weaver, Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Temporarily organized.

1. Call to order. Open by prayer.
2. Appoint committee on preaching.
3. Read statistical letters from churches.
4. The decorum shall be read.
5. Elect officers.

Permanently organized.

1. Invite ministering brethren to seats with us.
2. Read petitionary letters for membership.
3. Hear correspondents from other associations.
4. Appoint standing committees.
5. Appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.
6. Appoint a brother to preach the missionary sermon.
7. Appoint a brother to lecture on sabbath schools.
8. Appoint general meetings.
9. Appoint place for the next session of the body.
10. Call for queries.
11. Hear reports of committees.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Call the roll and mark absentees.
15. Provide for printing minutes.
16. Read and adopt minutes.
17. Adjourn to time and place.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	County.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Missions.	Minute Funds.	Sabbath of meeting.
High Shoals.	Randolph.	High Shoals.	T. G. Layton.	J. B. Weathers.	0	0	0	1	0	0	41	$5.00	$1.50	1
Macedonia.	"	Level Roads.	H. R. Moore.	G. W. Watson.	2	6	2	3	0	0	56	4.05	2.00	2
Paran.	"	Texas, Ga.	T. A. Camp.	W. W. Cobb.	2	2	0	1	1	0	40		1.00	
Rockey Branch.	"	Wedowee.	H. R. Moore.	M. B. Bradley.	0	4	0	6	0	0	77		1.50	3
Union Hill.	"	Roanoke.	G. F. Weaver.	J. C. Bailey.	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		.50	2
Pleasant Hill.	"	Handley.	R C Ashcraft.	R. L. Brumbeloe.	0	0	0	4	0	2	61		1.00	1
Fellowship.	"	Rock Mills.	H. J. Sorrells.	M. J. Ussery.	0	0	1	3	0	1	86	6.80	1.20	1
Rock Mills.	"	Rock Mills.	M. S. Stevens.	L. A. Holly.	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	24 60	1.25	
Canaan.	"	Haywood.	No Letter.		0	0	0	0	0	0				
Rock Springs.	"	Wedowee.	"		0	0	0	0	0	0				
Pleasant Grove.	"	Roanoke.	D. W. Kite.	A. J. Brown.	3	3	2	3	0	0	31		1 50	4
Union Grove.	"	State Line.	H. R. Moore.	J. B. Adams.	9	2	0	9	5	3	60		2 00	4

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J A Camp Allen
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